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TUNA, MACKEREL, ANCHOVIES AND SARDINES KEEP SAN PEDRO IN FRONT ON 1957 FISH LANDINGS

Shiploads of tuna, mackerel, anchovies and sardines which came into San Pedro, California, during 1957 enabled that city to retain its historic spot as America's No. 1 food fish landing port, information released by the Department of the Interior indicates. Not only were San Pedro landings of food fish the highest in the Nation but these landings were considerably greater than the landings of industrial fish at the leading industrial fish ports on the Atlantic Coast.

According to the preliminary report issued by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, food fish landings at San Pedro totaled 354,400,000 pounds, with a boatside value of \$25,440,000. Its nearest competitor on poundage landed was Gloucester, Mass., primarily a food fish port, which recorded the arrival of 251,274,000 pounds of groundfish--mostly ocean perch--and whiting, valued boatside at \$7,347,000. Landings at the tuna port of San Diego, California, were 124,246,000 pounds with a value of \$15,909,000.

New Bedford, Mass., led the Atlantic coast states in value of food fish landings, with 102,917,000 pounds, mostly scallop and flounder, worth \$13,340,000 at the boatside. Boston landings of haddock, pollock, and cod were 135,424,000 pounds, valued at \$11,076,000. Landings at Portland and Rockland, Maine, consisting largely of ocean perch and herring, were 59,098,000 pounds and 41,946,000 valued at \$2,064,000 and \$1,433,000 respectively.

The two leading industrial fish ports were Lewes, Delaware, and Reedville, Virginia. The landings at Lewes were 286,224,000 pounds and at Reedville 256,766,000 pounds. Receipts at these ports consist entirely of menhaden.

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